

REMARKS

In the subject action, claims 27-44 and 59-64 were allowed. Claims 1-15, 17-26 and 45-58 were rejected, and claim 16 was objected to.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 27-44 and 59-64. While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's analysis with respect to the rejected claims, in the interest of expeditiously bringing prosecution on the merit to conclusion, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 11 and 45-58, without prejudice, and amended claims 2-5, 9-10, 12, 16-18 and 22-26 to rewrite objected to claim 16 as an independent claims, and other claims depend there from. However, Applicants hereby explicitly reserve the rights to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

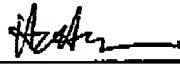
Accordingly, claims 2-10, 12-44, and 59-64 remain pending and in condition of allowance. Therefore, early issuance a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments of Fees to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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